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In re Application of:

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Title: PHOSPHINOAMIDITE CARBOXYLATES AND ANALOGS THEREOF IN THE  
SYNTHESIS OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES HAVING REDUCED  
INTERNAL NUCLEOTIDE CHARGE

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**  
**and REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on May 23, 2005. **A one-month extension of time is requested, and the fee therefor accompanies this response.** Please amend the application as indicated herein.

*Amendments to the Specification* begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the *Listing of the Claims* beginning on page 6 of this document.

*Remarks* begin on page 16 of this document.